

Rice mills in Travancore.

63. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:
 (a) the number of rice mills in the State;
 (b) whether such mills contribute in any way to unemployment among the poor people; and
 (c) whether the rice, milled in these mills is deficient in nourishing properties?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (a) 253.

(b) Yes, to a certain extent.

(c) Milled rice is found to be inferior to home pounded rice.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether they have got any control over the establishment of the mills in the State?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know with regard to answer to part (c) whether they have taken any expert or scientific opinion in this matter?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

Kuruppampadi Kottickal road.

64. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether on the Kuruppampadi Kottickal road several shrubs and thorns overhang from either side of it between its 2nd and 5th miles causing obstruction to cars and other vehicles?

MR. S. SESA AIYAR: No; shrubs and other overhangings are being removed as often as they come up.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know the distance of the road which is kept in good condition?

MR. S. SESA AIYAR: About 6 miles of the road are kept in good condition.

Construction of the Alamthuruthi Bridge.

65. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) when was the construction of the Alamthuruthi bridge on the Mavelikara-Tiruvalla road commenced;

(b) the details of the works done hitherto; and

(c) the reason for the delay for the completion of the construction?

MR. S. SESA AIYAR: (a) 7-5-1938.

(b) Masonry and iron works.

(c) Due to the failure of the selected lowest tenderer who absconded and the delay in getting the wood required for the wooden decking as yet treated.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the years of the budget when provision was included for the construction of this particular bridge?

MR. S. SESA AIYAR : It was provided in the years 1113 and 1114.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from Government whether they have proceeded with the construction of this bridge?

MR. S. SESA AIYAR : They have gone on with the masonry and iron works as is stated in the answer.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from Government whether they have given the contract to any particular individual?

MR. S. SESA AIYAR : Yes, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know when the contract was given?

MR. S. SESA AIYAR : Very recently, this year.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from Government whether they had already given contract to another individual during last year or year before last.

MR. S. SESA AIYAR : Yes Sir. It is stated in the answer that the contractor absconded and failed to fulfil the contract.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from Government whether they expect the completion of the bridge in 1115 at least?

MR. S. SESA AIYAR : Yes, Sir.

Maintenance of Roads.

66. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the maintenance of the roads along which State Transport Bus service is conducted is being done from the P. W. D. funds or from the Transport funds; and

(b) if it is being done from the P. W. D. funds, will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the amount spent on each such road during the 12 months from Makaram 1113 to Makaram 1114 for maintenance work and the amount spent on those roads during the 12 months from Makaram 1112 to Makaram 1113?

MR. S. SESA AIYAR : (a) From P. W. D. funds.

(b) A * statement is laid on the table.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : ഓൺസ് പോർട്ടു ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിന്റെ ആവിർഭാവത്തിന് ഒരു കൊല്ലം മുമ്പും അതിനു ഒരു കൊല്ലം പിന്നും റോഡിലേക്കുവേണ്ടി ചിലവാക്കിയ സംഖ്യയിൽ സാരമായ വ്യത്യാസം കാണുന്നു. കൂടുതൽ വന്ന സംഖ്യ ചിലവാക്കിയത് ഓൺസ് പോർട്ടു ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിൽ നിന്നാണോ അതല്ല പി. ഡബ്ലിയു. ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിൽ നിന്നാണോ?

MR. S. SESA AIYAR : പി. ഡബ്ലിയു. ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിൽ നിന്നുമാണ് ആ ചിലവ് വരിച്ചത്.

* Vide Appendix—IV.